

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. An identifier indicating the status of each claim is provided.

**Listing of Claims:**

1-6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An image forming system comprising:

a mounting portion in which an expendable apparatus is provided with a storage means in which ~~distinguishment~~ distinguishing information representing whether the expendable apparatus is a compatible product is stored is removably installed[[,]]; and

a read out means which reads out the ~~distinguishment~~ distinguishing information stored in the storage means of the expendable apparatus installed in the mounting portion[[,]]; and

a control means which controls operation of a predetermined object to be controlled operation of which is to be controlled in relation to the expendable apparatus on the basis of [[a]] control information according to the ~~distinguishment~~ distinguishing information when the ~~distinguishment~~ distinguishing information read out by the read out means represents that the expendable apparatus is a compatible product, whereby the predetermined object to be controlled is ~~caused to operate~~ operated by the control means to form an image on the basis of the control information according to the ~~distinguishment~~ distinguishing information[[,]]; and

wherein the improvement comprises that a control information input means that enables an operator to input for inputting control information of the object to be controlled when the distinction-distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the expendable apparatus by the read out means represents that the expendable apparatus is an incompatible product, is further provided and

wherein the control means controls the operation of the object to be controlled on the basis of the control information input by the control information input means when the distinction-distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the expendable apparatus represents that the expendable apparatus is an incompatible product.

8. (Currently Amended) The An-image forming system as defined in Claim 7 in which wherein

the control means waits for, when the distinction-distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the expendable apparatus represents that the expendable apparatus is an incompatible product, input of the control information by the control information input means, and

wherein the control means then controls operation of the object to be controlled on the basis of the control information, input after input of the control information by the control information input means.

9. (Currently Amended) The An-image forming system as defined in Claim 7 further comprising a display means which, when the distinction-distinguishing information read out

from the storage means of the expendable apparatus represents that the expendable apparatus is an incompatible product, displays an initial control information which has been set in advance.

10. (Currently Amended) The An-image forming system as defined in Claim 8 further comprising:

a display means which, when the distinguishment distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the expendable apparatus represents that the expendable apparatus is an incompatible product, displays an initial control information which has been set in advance.

11. (Currently Amended) The An-image forming system as defined in Claim 7 further comprising:

a display means which, when the distinguishment distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the expendable apparatus represents that the expendable apparatus is an incompatible product and at the same time when a control information according to the distinguishment distinguishing information read out can be read out from the storage means, displays the control information according to the distinguishment distinguishing information.

12. (Currently Amended) The An-image forming system as defined in Claim 8 further comprising:

a display means which, when the distinguishment distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the expendable apparatus represents that the expendable apparatus is an incompatible product and at the same time when a control information according to the

~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information read out can be read out from the storage means, displays the control information according to the ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information.

13. (Currently Amended) The An-image forming system as defined in Claim 7 further comprising:

a display means which displays the ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information stored in the storage means.

14. (Currently Amended) The An-image forming system as defined in Claim 7 in which the control information input means ~~can input only~~inputs a part of a plurality of pieces of control information.

15. (Previously Presented) An image forming system as defined in Claim 7 in which the storage means comprises a memory IC.

16. (Currently Amended) A stencil printer comprising:

a printing drum around which a stencil is wound~~[,]~~;

a press roller which is pressed against the printing drum~~[,]~~;

a mounting portion in which an ink container which is filled with ink and is provided with a storage means in which ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information representing whether the ink container is a compatible product is stored is removably installed~~[,]~~;

a read out means which reads out the distinguishment distinguishing information stored in the storage means of the ink container installed in the mounting portion[[,]] and a control means which controls operation of the press roller on the basis of a control information according to the distinguishment distinguishing information when the distinguishment distinguishing information read out by the read out means represents that the ink container is a compatible product; and, wherein the improvement comprises that a control information input means that enables an operator to input for inputting control information of the press roller when the distinguishment distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the ink container by the read out means represents that the ink container is an incompatible product is further provided, and wherein the control means controls the printing pressure of the press roller on the basis of the control information input by the control information input means when the distinguishment distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the ink container represents that the ink container is an incompatible product.

17. (Currently Amended) A stencil printer comprising:  
a thermal head which perforates stencil material to make a stencil[[,]];  
a printing drum around which the stencil is wound[[,]];  
a mounting portion in which a stencil material roll which comprises the stencil material rolled into a roll and is provided with a storage means in which distinguishment distinguishing

information representing whether the stencil material roll is a compatible product is stored is removably installed[[,]]:

    a read out means which reads out the ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information stored in the storage means of the stencil material roll installed in the mounting portion[[,]]: and

    a control means which controls the amount of energy of the thermal head on the basis of a control information according to the ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information when the ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information read out by the read out means represents that the stencil material roll is a compatible product; ~~and~~, wherein the improvement comprises that

    a control information input means that enables an operator to input for inputting control information of the thermal head when the ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the stencil material roll by the read out means represents that the stencil material roll is an incompatible product is further provided, ~~and~~

wherein the control means controls the amount of energy of the thermal head on the basis of the control information input by the control information input means when the ~~distinguishment~~distinguishing information read out from the storage means of the stencil material roll represents that the stencil material roll is an incompatible product.